

MB Docket No. 04-233

Our stations serve "in the public's interest" by providing local content every day.

Local News: All three of our stations provide local news Monday-Friday. KAAR and KMBR air local news in Morning Drive. KMBR offers local news in Afternoon Drive as well. KXTL airs news at the top of the hour, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.

Local Public Affairs: KAAR, KMBR and KXTL air 25, three minute shows that we call "Community Forum" every quarter. These interview programs are conducted with community leaders and deal with issues that are of local concern.

Creating or Selecting Programming: We encourage feedback from our audiences via our three websites and by soliciting listener comments over the phone. Listener "requests" are a regular feature on our stations. All three websites have "Poll Questions" on daily topics. We also ask for listener emails. The General Manager answers and appreciates these emails.

During Butte's political season we have aired three hour long candidate debates. The pre-primary debate between nine candidates for Butte's Chief Executive race, a debate between the two candidates for Montana Governor and a debate between the two finalist candidates for the Chief Executive General Election. These debates were broadcast "live" and uninterrupted, a departure from our regular programming on KXTL-AM.

Emergency Programming: This past summer we got a call from the local Sherriff's office. Two small children were reported missing from their yards. We immediately got on the air and gave a description of what the two children were wearing and where they were last seen. Two hours after our first mention of this, the parents called our station to thank us, their children were found. We are a monitoring station for EAS. We participate in Amber Alert via the statewide EAS system.

Political Programming: We offered all of the candidates for this general election free participation in our "Straight Talk" candidate messages. Each candidate aired their views in an equal rotation prior to the general election. KXTL-AM will broadcast from the Butte-Silver Bow County Courthouse after the polls close on November 2nd. Local, State and National races and issues will be tracked and the results will be reported.

Civic, Cultural and Other Community-Reponsive Programming: KAAR-FM, KMBR-FM and KXTL-AM, our three Butte, Montana radio stations were recipients of the 2004 "Community Radio Public Service Award". This award was given to us because of our efforts to help our local American Legion Hall. It was robbed and vandalised. We ran PSA's and donated a free three hour "Live Remote Broadcast" and served food and hot drinks. The result of our campaign was we raised \$2000 in cash and many thousands of dollars more in labor and materials. issued by the Montana Broadcasters Association. All three of our stations air 20, 30-second PSA's, 365 days a year.

Music: We air a local music show on Fridays on KMBR-FM, our Classic Rock station. The program is called "Local Music Spotlight". We air the music of local bands. KXTL-AM airs the Metropolitan Opera every Saturday from December through late April.

Participation in Community Activities: The General Manager of KAAR, KMBR and KXTL is on the board of directors of the Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce. He is also president of the Sunrise Kiwanis Service Organization and serves on several committees including the local Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Our stations have helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities, including \$20,000 for the Racetrack Fire Department, \$75,000 for the Butte Celebrations Fireworks Display, \$40,000 to buy two life saving devices for the Butte Fire Department, just to name a few.

We are a small communtiy of 33,000 residents. We take it very seriously when it comes to serving the citizens of our town with the information, local content, and the helping hand that they come to expect from KAAR-FM, KMBR-FM and KXTL-AM radio stations in Butte, Montana.

Chris Ackerman, General Manager